

Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** Harvey Milk was born on May 22, 1930, in Woodmere, New York; and
- WHEREAS,** Milk moved to San Francisco in 1969, opened his own business, and organized the first Castro Street Fair in 1974 to attract customers to the area; and
- WHEREAS,** Milk proclaimed himself "The Mayor of Castro Street," and focused his career on making government responsive to individuals, gay liberation, and the importance of neighborhoods to the city; and
- WHEREAS,** Milk became the first openly gay man to be elected to public office in California when the voters in San Francisco's District 5, which includes the Castro, elected him to the Board of Supervisors; and
- WHEREAS,** Milk served 11 months in office and was responsible for passing a landmark gay rights ordinance for San Francisco that outlawed discrimination based on sexual orientation; and
- WHEREAS,** on November 27, 1978, Supervisor Harvey Milk and Mayor George Moscone were murdered by former Supervisor Dan White, who had recently resigned from the Board; and
- WHEREAS,** in August 2009, Milk was posthumously awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom for his contribution to the gay civil rights movement; and
- WHEREAS,** Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger inducted Milk into the California Hall of Fame in 2009.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Marie L. Gilmore, Mayor of the City of Alameda, do hereby proclaim May 22 as

Harvey Milk Day

in the City of Alameda and call on all residents to join me in recognizing the courage, conviction, and accomplishments he showed in making a positive change in civil rights for the gay community, but also in society as a whole.

Marie L. Gilmore

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Mayor

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